

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, June 1, 2010 in Room 161, UW-Extension -1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Norb Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster
Excused: Norb VandeHei
Also Present: Tom Hinz, Jayme Sellen, Bill Hafs, John Bechle, Brad Holtz
Other Interested Parties, Media

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 5:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve the agenda. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of April 26, 2009:

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve the minutes. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

1. Land and Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (copy will be provided at meeting):

Bill Hafs distributed a budget report though April 2010, stating that all items are on track (attached).

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Haefs to receive and place on file. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Budget Adjustment Request (#10-51): Federal Stimulus Grant for Total Maximum Daily Load Project:

Bill Hafs explained that in 2009 the Land & Water Conservation Department received a \$40,000 grant through the WIS DNR for work to be done by County staff on the State's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) project in Brown County through September 2010. To accomplish this work, the LWCD needs to replace the obsolete scanner with a new multi-function device as well as some additional equipment. The remaining funds will be used to offset staff time for this project.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Update on Waste Transformation Project – Brad Holtz (see attachment: Greening Brown County):**

Brad Holtz explained that a public-private partnership is working on aggregating and processing organic wastes into saleable, nutrient-rich fertilizer products. The Brown County Waste Transformation Initiative (BCWTI) is a stakeholder group comprised of industrial, agricultural, and municipal entities to determine if a regional facility could be developed to manage the County's various streams of organics. He indicated that biosolids produced at the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewage District are incinerated and the residual ash is land-filled. Wastes are generated by meat packers, dairy farms, and related industries. In the last 15 years Holtz stated Brown County has experienced significant urbanization and with that came a loss of rural space which was used to land spread these materials.

The first step in the project was to characterize the various waste streams. Samples were analyzed and tested by FEECO International to determine the best way to make fertilizer pellets. FEECO manufactures processing equipment for converting raw materials into palletized fertilizers. At this time, Holtz stated, FEECO is designing a plant which would produce 17,500 tons of dry fertilizer pellets per year.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Wildlife Damage Plan of Administration Approval – Jon Bechle (see attachment Wildlife Damage Plan of Administration):**

Jon Bechle explained that by resolution, Brown County has agreed to participate in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Responsibilities of that participation were included in packet material for review. Supervisor Haefs opined it is a lot of work for the County to take care of including administration, budgeting, recordkeeping, etc, and stated he would not support the County's involvement.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to approve.

Ayes: Dantinne, Erickson, Fleck, Kaster

Nays: Haefs

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5. **Director's Report:**

Director Hafs highlighted the following items:

- A meeting was held on May 19, 2010 to discuss the Installation of Wind System Infrastructure in Brown County. Hafs stated that discussion at the meeting included groundwater contamination problems that have occurred in the Town of Morrison since 2005. The LCC has requested that they be informed of all geological information compiled by Invenergy during the engineering and pre-testing of the project. (See attached for details)

- The Land & Water Conservation Department received two grants from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Baird Creek Buffer Project and West Shore Pike Habitat Project. One grant is for \$377,354 and the other for \$395,815.
- A Wisconsin State Journal editorial dated 5/24/2010 regarding wind turbines was distributed and is attached. The Columbia County Board has determined that wind turbines complement farmland preservation. Farmers in the towns of Randolph and Scott have been given approval to lease small amounts of land to We Energies for wind turbines without violating their state agreements to keep their land in agricultural production.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Fleck to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

Brown County
Land Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
4/30/2010

	Annual Budget Amended	YTD Transactions
Salaries	\$ 481,883	\$ 141,542
Fringe Benefits	\$ 240,825	\$ 67,856
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 45,437	\$ 22,504
UTL Utilities	\$ 11,384	\$ 2,940
CHG Chargebacks	\$ 122,582	\$ 38,467
CON Contracted services	\$ -	\$ -
OTH Other	\$ 137,335	\$ -
OUT- Outlay	\$ 13,286	\$ 13,369
TRO - Transfer out	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 1,052,732	\$ 286,680
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 539,368	\$ 179,789
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 344,816	\$ 75,052
L&P licenses & permits	\$ 47,000	\$ 3,400
CSS - Charges for sales services	\$ 98,000	\$ 24,591
Misc Rev.	\$ -	\$ -
CTB Contributions	\$ 2,000	\$ -
TRI Transfer in	\$ 21,548	\$ -
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 1,052,732	\$ 282,832

Indirect cost, I.S., Insurance

Grant exp., landowner payments WD, WS, L&W

Levy

State grants , Federal grants

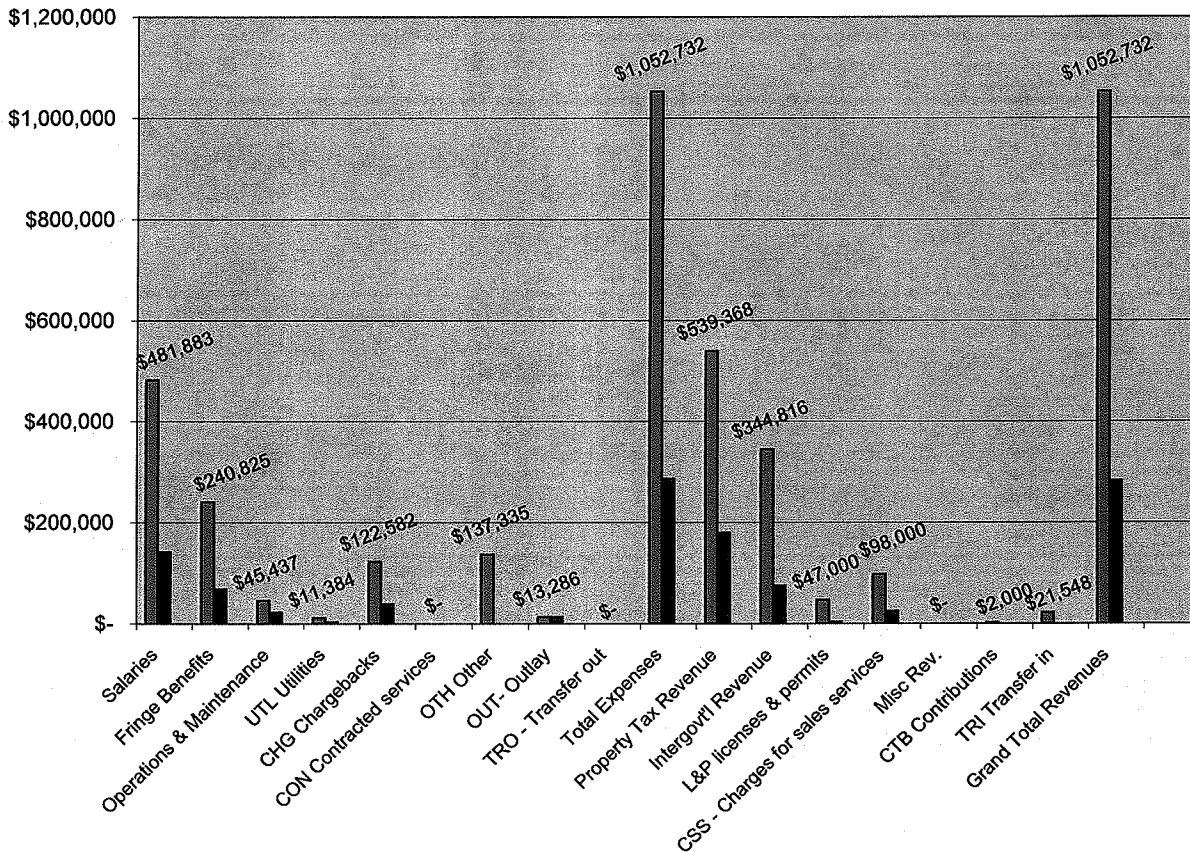
Permits, inspections

Ag 50 cent fee, Tree sales

WLWCA

Land Conservation - April 30,2010

■ Annual Budget Amended
■ YTD Transactions



From: Hafs_BC

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 3:43 PM

Subject: FW: [Gl-swcd] U.S. EPA announced funding awards under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Good news from EPA.

Land and Water Conservation Department got two grants from Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Baird Creek Buffer Project and West Shore Pike Habitat Project. One grant is \$377,354 and the other is \$395,815. They are for a two year period with everything paid for by the grant.

EPAGLNPO-2010-NS-8-819-950

Baird Creek Riparian Protection Project

Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department

\$ 377,100

EPAGLNPO-2010-H-2-654-848

West Shore Green Bay Northern Pike Habitat Project

Brown County WI Land & Water Conservation Department

\$ 395,100

Regards,
Bill Hafs

From: gl-swcd-bounces@great-lakes.net [mailto:gl-swcd-bounces@great-lakes.net] **On Behalf Of** Matt Doss

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 2:47 PM

To: mdoss@glc.org

Subject: [Gl-swcd] U.S. EPA announced funding awards under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Grant finalists selected

<http://greatlakesrestoration.us/?p=743>

Grant finalists selected for innovative projects totaling \$160M

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Great Lakes National Program Office today invited 270 finalists to submit applications for a total of \$161.450,000 in competitive grant funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

In response to its November 2009 request for grant proposals (RFP), EPA received more than 1,000 proposed projects from state, tribal, and municipal agencies, non-governmental organizations and other eligible entities aimed at restoring and protecting this national treasure.

GLRI grants will fund projects that address the most important Great Lakes priorities, including reducing toxic contaminants, restoring the Great Lakes Areas of Concern,

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protecting beaches and beachgoers, keeping out invasive species and reducing polluted land-based runoff.

Finalists may submit final applications immediately so that grants may be issued and work can begin this summer. Successful projects will focus on achieving results in the five priority areas identified by a federal interagency task force as vital for restoring the Great Lakes. Each preliminary proposal was subjected to a rigorous review and ranking by multiple reviewers from EPA or other federal agencies.

President Obama has made restoring the Great Lakes a national priority. In February 2009, he proposed \$475 million for the GLRI, an unprecedented investment in the nation's largest fresh surface water ecosystem. Congress appropriated full funding in October. Grants, expected to be awarded later this summer, will advance the goals of the GLRI Action Plan released by partner agencies in February.

More information on the finalists and the RFP is available at
<http://epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2010rfp01>

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From: Thornton, Matthew [mailto:MThornton@invenergyllc.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:57 PM
To: Hafs_BC; mfleck@gbonline.com; kristin.morehouse@gmail.com; Parzyck, Kevin; glenschwalbach@netzero.com
Cc: Parzyck, Kevin
Subject: Ledge Wind - Brown County Meeting Notes

Ledge Meeting to Discuss the Installation of Wind System Infrastructure

Date: May 19, 2010

Location: 305 E. Walnut St., Room 660, Green Bay, 54301 / Veterans Conference Room

Attendees:

- Tom Hinz – Brown County Executive
- Mike Fleck – Brown County Board of Supervisors, District 19
- Bill Hafs – Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department
- Glen Schwalbach – Morrison Technical Adviser
- Kristin Morehouse – BCCRWE Technical Adviser
- Jim Becco – Midwest Engineering Services, Inc., Regional Manager
- Matt Thornton – Invenergy Project Engineer
- Kevin Parzyck – Invenergy Development Manager

General Discussion Points:

- Bill Hafs presented a paper (attached) describing groundwater contamination problems that have plagued Brown County and the Town of Morrison since 2005. Included in the paper was a map of field verified Karst features and copies of emails describing trenching recommendations to prevent groundwater infiltration.
- Bill Hafs indicated that the Land and Water Conservation Department would want to be informed of all geological information compiled by Invenergy during the engineering and pre-testing of the project, as well as information regarding depth to rock encountered during construction to provide better mapping of the area.
- Kristin Morehouse presented an overlay of Ledge wind facilities on Brown County Nutrient Management Maps and questioned the location of collection lines and wind turbines near areas identified as having manure spreading restrictions.

Invenergy Action Items:

- Communicate protocols used for setbacks from karst features during the wind facility siting process. A description of these distances will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.
- Communicate the procedure to prevent water migration around buried collection lines. This procedure will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.
- Communicate the procedure to prevent water migration around spread footer foundations. This procedure will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.
- Confirm that Brown County Nutrient Management Maps were reviewed with respect to karst features and the location of wind facilities near areas identified as having manure spreading restrictions. Confirmation of this review will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.
- Review wind facility locations with respect to the karst feature map provided by Bill Hafs and confirm that the data has been included in Invenergy's site analysis. Confirmation of this review will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.
- Identify means by which an independent testing agency will review and verify the proper installation of subsurface wind facilities, in order to prevent groundwater migration, and communicate findings to

county agencies. This testing and reporting methodology will be included in the revised PSC CPCN Application for the project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Thanks.

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Wind turbines fit with farms

A Wisconsin State Journal editorial | Posted: Monday, May 24, 2010 6:37 pm

Congratulations to the Columbia County Board for recognizing last week that wind turbines complement farmland preservation.

The board agreed Wednesday that farmers in the towns of Randolph and Scott can lease small amounts of land to We Energies for wind turbines without violating their state agreements to keep their land in agricultural production.

The board's decision is wise because the turbines will give each farmer thousands of dollars in extra income to keep their farm operations going. And the amount of land taken out of production for turbine foundations and access roads will be miniscule compared to the total size of cropland that will remain.

We Energies also has agreed to buy two homes from neighbors who were concerned about living within a quarter mile of some of the turbines.

That means this exciting wind project in northeast Columbia County can now move forward with 90 turbines scattered across some 17,000 acres of productive farmland.

We Energies started developing the site, called Glacier Hills Energy Park, last week. It's located about 50 miles northeast of Madison.

The energy company hopes to fire up the wind park by the end of next year or early 2012. It will produce enough clean energy to power 45,000 homes.

Wisconsin's wind industry is just taking off, and more clean energy is needed to reduce Wisconsin's reliance on dirty coal and gas that's imported from other states and foreign countries.

Wind energy can't power Wisconsin on its own. Far from it.

But it can and should be one important part of state efforts to reduce air and water pollution while stemming the risks of climate change.

Wisconsin has worked hard and spent a lot of money to protect and preserve productive farms that feed so many people across the globe.

Allowing more wind turbines of all sizes to rise in farm fields across Wisconsin gives farmers a better shot at continuing their operations far into the future.

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